GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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SALE OF INFANTS
ANANT GANGARAM GEETE

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some cases of selling of infants has been reported in Mumbai, Orissa and other States;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) the actions being taken against the accused doctors;

(d) whether the Government have ordered any inquiry in this regard; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to stop such incidents?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a), (b) & (c) Recently there have been some News Paper reports of selling children in Orissadue to poverty. As per these reports a person sold two such children to another person. It is also reported that these children were rescued. Further the Government of Madhya Pradesh has also raided a Hospital in Bhopal trying to give away newborn infants formonetary considerations. Two doctors from the Hospital have been arrested.

(d) The Ministry has asked the Government of Madhya Pradesh to send us details of the above case involving the Hospital.

(e) The Ministry has been issuing instructions to all State Governments from time to time to ensure that no Nursing Home or Hospital is allowed to indulge in illegal activities such as handing over of newborn babies to people allegedly wanting to adopt them. The State Governments have been asked to ensure that all Nursing Homes and Hospitalsfalling within their jurisdictions adhere to these instructions. The Ministry has alsoasked all State Governments to strictly monitor the activities of all Orphanages andAdoption Agencies.